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Good morning Perso

Please find attached a letter for Mayor Michaels regarding information on the redeployment of resources in relation to the continuing situation at the Coutts border crossing. As always if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
Graham

February 14, 2022

Sgt. Graham Gurski
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Dear Mayor Michaels,

As you are aware, ongoing protests related to mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations and public health measures have culminated in a blockade at the Coutts land border crossing. Protests and blockades impact public safety through the obstruction of highways and impeding the public's freedom of movement. The Alberta RCMP continues to act to preserve the peace and maintain public safety at the Coutts land border crossing and elsewhere across Alberta.

This situation constitutes an emergency in the Province of Alberta, for which the Provincial Minister has granted the emergency provisions under Article 9 of the Provincial and Municipal Police Service Agreements (PPSA and MPSA) for the deployment of RCMP officers to the extent necessary to "maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, or property." Redeployment of Members occurs when Members are temporarily assigned to a different geographic location or Unit than where they are normally posted. For example, a Member attached to a Municipal Unit is considered redeployed if he or she is temporarily assigned to a provincial/territorial or Federal Unit to respond to an Emergency. Redeployed resources can include up to 10% of members from any municipal contract partner, and it is important to note that any municipality from which resources are drawn will NOT bear the costs directly related to the redeployment. The Province pays 100% of all the costs, including salary, transportation, overtime, and other operating costs. However, if municipalities choose to backfill their police officer positions while their resources are redeployed, they would be responsible for the backfill costs.

As the Chief of Police for your community, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and thank you for your ongoing support.

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